



PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 09/600,195
Atty. Docket No. 2204-001287

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art 1731 :
In re application of :
Kiyotaka MIURA et al. :
Serial No. 09/600,195 :
Filed July 12, 2000 :
Examiner James H. Derrington :

METHOD OF SELECTIVELY
REFORMING AN INNER PART OF
AN INORGANIC BODY AND AN
INORGANIC BODY HAVING A
SELECTIVELY REFORMED
INNER PART

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 9, 2002

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action dated May 9, 2002, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application and submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 8-21 are pending in the application. Claims 14-21 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8-13 are rejected. Reexamination and allowance of the claims are requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on August 9, 2002.

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